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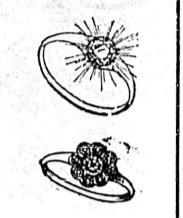
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## Korea Not Belligerent

Russian Authorities Repudiate  
Intention to Include King-  
dom in Enemies.

Pending any Overt Act By the  
Koreans They are Consid-  
ered Neutrals.

Every Gun on the Unfortunate  
Varang Was Dismounted  
During Action.

St. Petersburg, March 17.—The correspondents of the Associated Press is told that the Korean government is not belligerent and will not do so until there is evidence that Korea is actively making common cause with Japan. Russia now considers the Korean government as being under duress and that all its acts are void.

Although no confirmation is obtainable of the Associated Press despatch from Seoul, saying that a Korean official on the Tumen river had received notice that Russia considered Korea as belligerent, it is considered accordingly in government circles. It is considered quite possible that the Russian commander at the Korean border may have warned the Koreans that they must not impede the Russian military operations under pain of being considered belligerent. Even should Korea throw in her lot with Japan and join in the hostilities, Russia would not deign to regard such an ally of Japan as a second power within the terms of the Franco-Russian alliance. The military authorities in the Far East have reported that there is absolutely no truth in the story that Russian troops are occupying the American mining concession at Unsan. Korea besides, the Russian government has already promised so far as it lies in her power to safeguard American interests should the sphere of operations extend to the American concessions.

St. Petersburg, March 17.—The Chinese legation here has assured the Associated Press most positively that the government at Pekin intends not only to observe the strictest neutrality during the conflict between Russia and Japan but that the government thoroughly realizes the dangers threatening the integrity of the Celestial empire, in case it should become embroiled in the conflict. "We are well aware," said a member of the legation, "that the eyes of European Powers are watching our every move and we know also what is being said about a general uprising against foreigners should we take sides with Japan. But there will be no chance for us to give the slightest ground for suspicion. China can only play one role during the war, namely, that of absolute quiescence.

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Ambassador McCormick has communicated to the government a memorandum containing the assurance received by the United States Minister Conquer from the Chinese authorities at Pekin pledging the neutrality of China while the neutral territory is respected by the belligerents. Satisfaction is expected at this new assurance of China's neutrality. The Russians deny that they have any intention of going west of the Iliang region. The railroad from Deling west of the river from New Chwang to and from Min Tin Russia considers neutral territory and beyond the sphere of operations unless the Japanese invade it.

The Novikov of Port Arthur, dated February 22, reached here today. It contains the first consecutive account from a Russian source of the Chemuipo fight and says the Varang fought till every gun was dismantled. It does not mention the Vicksburg offering succor to the Russians. The same issue contains Viceroy Alexieff's announcement that for military reasons he was going to Manchuria, leaving General Stoessel in command at Port Arthur. The viceroy, however, found no report in the gazette confirming previous reports on the subject and says he was convinced they would fight to the last man and repeat the heroic defense of Sebastopol.

KUROPATKIN'S GREETING.

Telegraph to Commander of Manchurian Army.

Liao Yang, Manchuria, March 17.—General Kuropatkin has telegraphed to the viceroy, who has been temporarily commanding the Manchurian army as follows: "I salute you in the midst of the troops whom you command. May God assist you to overcome the most arduous portion of your task. I shall be happy to find you at the head of the troops the Emperor has graciously entrusted to me. I trust you will not leave them so long as the principal danger threatens, for the troops have full confidence in you."

General Lineyitch was busy inspecting the military posts and newly constructed fortifications at Yin Kow and South Manchuria. The weather is changeable. Snow squalls and severe frosts prevail.

MURDERED MISSIONARY.

Body Was Found Beside Roadside in Persian Wilderness.

Urumchi, Persia, March 17.—An investigation of the death of the Rev. Dr. Benjamin Larabee, the American missionary announced from here March 11th shows that Dr. Larabee, whose son is superintendent of the American mission here, was returning from Koli to Urumchi on horseback accompanied by a servant when both men were found dead by the roadside. Their bodies had been stripped and mutilated and had numerous stab wounds. The horses and mule the travelers were wearing and four children still alive had been taken to discover the missing. Dr. Larabee was one of the best known Presbyterian missionaries in the Asiatic field. He had been stationed in Persia since 1890.

Alex. Calder has been commissioned by the Dominion government to prepare a collection of fauna of Western Canada for the St. Louis exposition. He will make a collection of three hundred

## LANDING AT CHINAMPO

### The London Times Correspondent's Graphic Description of Japanese Army Corp's Brilliant Work in Mid-Winter.

Special Cable to the London Times and Victoria Colonist.

Chi-Nam-Po, Northwestern Korea, March 16, via Steamer Haiman to Wei-Hai-Wei, March 18.—Your correspondent arrived at Ping Yang Inlet late Tuesday, and proceeded around to Chinampo. Navigation is still a trifle difficult, and will become worse with the floating ice which will come down from the rivers. The unknown treaty port of Chemuipo at present occupies an uncertain position. When during the entire twelve months of last year 242 steamers entered and departed, at present every available foot of safe anchorage is occupied. A fleet of large transports, guarded by a squadron of Japanese warships, are expeditiously discharging their cargoes of living freight. The work of disembarkation of troops is exceedingly hazardous, but the manner in which the Japanese overcome difficulties is remarkable. Of course all necessary arrangements were made with the fleet. A detachment of engineers has built pontoon jetties to an extent of some hundred yards into the bay. In addition the transports carried an adequate number of landing barges and not a man has been lost in landing the army division here.

The military conditions in northern Korea, so far as can be learned here, appears as follows: The first Japanese troops landed in the peninsula was a small expeditionary army which landed near Hui-Ju and passed forward in a forced march and secured possession of Ping Yang, a few hours before the arrival of a detachment of Russians

despatched southward from the Yalu for the same purpose. Ping Yang was quickly fortified and a number of armament guns were placed in position.

Soon afterwards the main body of the Japanese, who were landed at Chemuipo, marched northward and reinforced the troops already at Ping Yang. This gave the Japanese commander a force sufficiently strong to guard against any possible Russian strategic movement against either Chemuipo or Seoul.

These troops experienced terrible weather, and, despite their heavy winter equipment, suffered terribly, which started soon after they left Chemuipo, to sleep and afterwards to snow, while the temperature fell to far below the zero point.

Despite this terrible handicap, the infantry marched 25 miles a day, each man carrying nearly 100 pounds of ammunition, supplies, etc.

So far as possible the night halts were at Korean villages, but the test was a most thorough one, and proved the contention of the Japanese commander that his men can stand against cold as well as any Russian opposition.

With their front protected by the occupation of Ping Yang, the landing of the troops at Chinampo has proven an easy task. It is reported anyhow, but officially confirmed, though generally credited, that the entire fighting army is being landed at the only available port on the coast of Northeastern Korea, north of Wonsen. The location is a

strictly guarded secret, but the force is said to be fully as large as the one that landed at Chemuipo and Chienampo.

This army will probably effect a junction with that at Ping Yang and cover the entire country in the northward march, sweeping everything before it.

Reports from the front now say that the Iturup, however, has attempted any serious stand or opposition. The Japanese advance occupies Anju and the line of the Cheng Cheng river.

The outposts of both armies are in touch and there is a constant exchange of rifle bullets, but no trustworthy information can be obtained of the "affair."

A Japanese officer here declares a singularly encounter took place near Anju in which both the Japanese and Russian soldiers losses. He is inclined, however, to talk of the affair and the commanding general said he had not received any official report and did not expect any soon. None of the duly accredited correspondents had been permitted to proceed more than fifteen miles north of Ping Yang under penalty of forfeiting his credentials, so that it has been impossible to learn how strong the outposts are or how close to the Yalu they extend.

The Japanese have displayed remarkable strategical discernment in their selection of landing places along the coast. Even were they not in command of the sea, the difficulty of navigating the inlets selected would make their defence easy for a small naval force.

Mr. Redmond urged the Irish voters in Great Britain at the next election to put the question of home rule above everything else. He said that the future depended upon the power and unity of the Irish party in parliament.

IN CANADA.

Montreal, March 17.—Ideal weather conditions prevailed in Eastern Canada today for the celebration of St. Patrick's Day. Services were held in the principal Irish Roman Catholic churches. Tonight patriotic entertainments are being held.

A TEXAS TORNADO.

Dallas, Texas, March 17.—A tornado struck the village of Verland, seventy miles north of here today, demolishing a number of houses and doing much damage to property. One person was killed. Wires to that point are prostrated and railway traffic is delayed.

SUPPLIES FOR RUSSIANS.

Chinese Magistrates Refuse Permission to Native to Sell Fodder.

Pekin, March 17.—Russian commissioners have applied to Chinese railway officials at Hain-Min-Tun for permission to use their name on the transportation of troops and stores.

The officials have replied that the matter presents many difficulties and that they must refer the application to the authorities at Pekin. Some questions were also asked regarding the possibility of purchasing fodder and other supplies, also regarding the procurement of carts for transport. The purpose would be to have a stock of machines and plants existing on June 30, next, appraised by joint appraisers. As compensation for the "goodwill" the government proposes to pay to the manufacturers and dealers a sum equal to their income for three years as shown by their books, the sum which will be necessary to launch the monopoly has not yet been determined but the government proposes to make a large payment in bonds. It is thought that the new customs duty will be on sugar. Unless the conventional tariffs interfere,

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The Japanese War Office Advises Special Correspondents to Hold Themselves in Readiness to March.

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Tokio, March 18.—At last the long wait of the correspondents is near an end. Ever since the beginning of the war there has been held in this city by order of the war department nearly 100 of the brightest newspapermen gathered from each of the great nations of Asia and northern Korea. The opposing forces are separated by the width of Cheng Cheng river, and it is likely that a clash has already taken place. It is reported that the Japanese scouts are supported by a regiment of mounted infantry.

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Some of the correspondents, however, having knowledge of army or navy movements they proved obtrusive.

Even when correspondents filed long messages at the public office telling of war preparations they had them handed over with the statement that they could not be transmitted. It had been generally understood that none of the correspondents who were to be accredited to the Japanese land forces were to be permitted to join until after the first land battle had been fought and a signal victory secured.

It looks now as though this battle was expected to take place within a week, judging by the action of the War Office this afternoon. All of the men who

will compose the first division assigned to the army were sent for and notified to hold themselves to be in readiness to start for the front on either Sunday or Wednesday of next week.

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With terrific crash and splintering of timbers, the roof of the Dr. Harris warehouse on Dr. Douglas Avenue collapsed yesterday morning. It fell through the front of the building and demolished the glass and frame of the front windows. Fortunately there was no person in the upper portion of the building at the time. Large rafters were snapped like matchwood by the force of the fall and the sound was heard some distance. The building is a frame structure, two stories in height, built last summer. The roof has an extension area, and it is thought that the weight of snow on it caused the accident.

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### Chinese Drifting Into Trouble

Russian Fear Japanese Landing at New Chwang and Add to Garrison.

Lack of Restraint in Abandoned Chinese Territory Will Cause Clash.

New Chwang, March 17.—Patriarchal General Linevitch after a survey of New Chwang and its defences yesterday returned to his command at Liao Yang. He also visited Kueichou and points effecting the protection of the coast and the holding of the weak zone along the line of the railway opposite Chwang. Although making any apprehension of the Japanese landing here the authorities are satisfied to have foreigners understand that the Russians are prepared for any local emergency, and the arrival of an additional battery of artillery and 150 scouts today is significant.

It is apparent that both civil and military strategists and the diplomats at Mukden apprehend a collision with the Chinese, probably fearing that the inspiring numbers of their small bands of scouts operating between the Liao river and the coast will be the surest instruments for their entanglement in a conflict, particularly as the zone is in the nature of a "no man's land" on account of having been abandoned by the owners and also because the Chinese jurisdiction is incompetent. Russians able to judge profit to regard General Ma's attitude as dangerous to the peace of Russia and China.

#### NO ALLIANCE.

Buenos Ayres, March 17.—The government has categorically denied the statement published that an alliance has been formed of South American republics against the United States.

### EASTER EGGS FOR RUSSIAN SAILORS

Wife of Grand Duke Constantine Makes Thoughtful Gift to Mariners.

St. Petersburg, March 17.—A correspondent of the Novosti at Vladivostok, writing under the date of February 24, says that the cost of living there is high now from the action of the municipality in fixing the price of necessities. The correspondent describes the panic which prevailed in the city after the declaration of war, and says that all the institutions of learning were closed.

The wife of Grand Duke Constantine is preparing 17,000 Easter eggs in order to provide each sailor in the Far Eastern fleet a souvenir. Each egg will contain a portrait of the Emperor, a book, soap and towel, a tobacco pouch, note paper, etc., wrapped in a handkerchief bearing pictures of Peter the Great's boat and of Russian naval victories. The eggs will be sent to the Far East next week in order to arrive there in due season.

A bureau will be established here to give information to relatives of Japanese prisoners and to undertake the delivery of letters, and the safekeeping until examined, of effects and letters found on the battlefield or remaining in the hospitals after the death of prisoners.

### NEWS OF THE ARMY AND NAVY

Lieutenant Appointed to the Egeria—Capt. Simpson's New Office.

From Our Own Correspondent.

London, March 22.—Captain Corrington H. Simpson, who on promotion to that rank recently gave up the command of the survey vessel Egeria at Vancouver island has been appointed naval assistant to the Hydrographer, a post for which he is eminently fitted.

The fine-class cruiser St. George, which is being refitted at Belfast, will be shortly commissioned as flagship of the South Atlantic squadron.

The cruiser squadron which for the past two months has been cruising and manoeuvring in the West Indies, is due to arrive home about the 1st of April.

This week some 500 artillery and infantry will leave England to join their companies and battalions in the Far East. Additional stores of shot and shell and other warlike stores are being despatched to the same destination.

The Army for 1904-05 is fixed at 227,000 men, a cost of £28,900,000, or a reduction of £5,600,000. This shows a decrease of 8,761 men compared with the estimates of 1903-04. The three regiments of foot guards are to be reduced by 97 men per battalion, of which there are ten, and each infantry battalion on the home establishment is to be reduced by some 50 men, and the reduction in the militia reserve and other departments it is expected will result in a saving of £1,500,000. The only garrison of Fort Garry is to be reduced to 21,500 men, consisting of four cavalry regiments, fourteen batteries of artillery, six companies Royal Garrison Artillery, two companies Royal Engineers, two battalions and four battalions of the Royal Garrison regiment at a cost of £1,360,000 per annum. The field artillery numbering 157 batteries is to be reduced with the new 182 pounder field gun at a cost of £3,150,000, spread over the interval between now and March, 1907. For the first time in a long period the war office has been obliged to pay its debts.

Hugh O'Arundel-Potter, who is evidently preparing to give the country its money's worth. What a pity that that went bombing and gaudy failure the Right Hon. St. John Brodrick was a few years ago.

Lieutenant George E. Nares, from the survey ship Research, has been posted to the Egeria at Esquimalt. Lieutenant Nares joined the naval service a little over seventeen years ago, and at his present rank in April, 1896. He holds a navigation certificate and is qualified to take charge of a first-class ship.

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#### MOTHER'S CLUB.

A well attended meeting of the Mothers' Club took place on Wednesday afternoon in the Spring Ridge schoolhouse, the subject for discussion being "Obedience and Truthfulness."

Mrs. Jones read a most interesting paper on how to train the child to life of honesty and truthfulness and during the afternoon the subject was thoroughly discussed.

A discussion arose regarding the attitude Bishop Mills of Victoria took and several ladies present brought up the question as to whether their influence was beneficial or hurtful to the members. The matter was laid over till the next meeting for further discussion.

The club will meet again on the first Wednesday in April when the subject for the day will be "What is to be done for our children in the future."

### HOSPITAL BOARD IN A DILEMMA

#### Concerned About What to Do With Large Number of Chronic Patients.

A matter which is giving the directors of the Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital grave concern at the present time is what to do with the constantly increasing number of chronic patients at the institution. Quite a number of the inmates of the present time are persons suffering from incurable maladies, and the list is being continually added to, despite the watchfulness of the examining physicians when application for admittance is made. This question was discussed informally at last evening's regular monthly meeting of the board, but no special line of action was determined upon. Dr. Hasel gave it his opinion that an infirmary was badly needed.

President R. S. Day presided, and the other members present were Messrs. Wilson, Braverman, Forman, Pember, Lewis, Humphrey, James and Dr. Hasel.

The secretary of the Royal Inland Hospital at Kamloops asked it nurses graduate from the school would be granted certificates on being examined as practitioners at the Jubilee hospital. After some discussion it was decided to reply that the nurses may at the pleasure of the doctors here be examined, but they must have certificates from their own hospital.

Arrangements for placing fire insurance on the Strathcona wing was made with the local representatives of insurance companies.

The doctor's report showed the number of patients admitted during the month to be 87; number treated 141; total days' stay, 1,618; total daily average, 55.23.

The house committee reported as follows:

"The floor of the small operating room having become worn we instructed that it be renewed by the handy man. Your committee, with the president, have gone very fully into the question of a fire-proof vault, and have let the contract to Mr. Thomas Catterall for the sum of \$407." This was adopted.

The matron and the steward reported having received donations from Mrs. H. D. Holmekin, T. M. Roff, Mrs. LePoer-French, of Saanich, the Royal Cafè and others.

The finance committee reported having met at the hospital at 4:30 p. m. on Wednesday, March 16th. Accounts for February amounting to \$1,807.67 were examined and approved for payment.

The salaries for the same month, amounting to \$860.13 were paid on due date. The total days' stay for February was 1,618 and the salaries paid and accounts payable give an average per diem paid patient of \$1.65. Adopted.

The tender of George Murray for doing certain sewerage extension work was accepted, his figure being \$198.

The board, then, adjourned.

### Local News.

Foresters' Dance.—The regular dance of the Foresters was held last evening in the Sir William Wallace hall, and, as usual, with these hops, was a most successful affair.

Meeting of Fifth Regiment.—The annual meeting of the Fifth Regiment will be held in the Drill hall next Wednesday evening. At this meeting the programme for the ensuing season will be considered.

All interested in rifle shooting should attend this meeting.

Benefit Concert.—The committee of the A. O. U. W. who have in hand the preparation of the programme for the concert and dance to be given in aid of the funds of the convalyant fund on Easter Monday evening, met last night and reported that arrangements were being satisfactorily completed for the event.

Work at James Bay.—The tramway line for the new permanent bridge across James Bay were last evening two-thirds of the way over the track, the old banking being torn up as tracklaying and filling proceed. Vehicular traffic is now directed across the space between the bridge and the retaining wall, and traffic is thus not impeded while the work is in progress.

More Than Cars.—The cars of the British Columbia Electric Railway Company at New Westminster are a fixture at present, and two handsome new cars will be turned out in a few days. The first, to be named "Langley," and the second will be one to replace the coach "Vancouver," which was destroyed by fire in the Terminal City depot several months ago. These new cars are splendid pieces of workmanship, and each one is costing in the neighborhood of \$10,000.

Sergeant's Entertain.—Last evening at the Drill Hall the sergeants of the Fifth Regiment entertained the warrant officers and sergeants from Work Point barracks. A most enjoyable time was spent by all present. Dancing was suspended by the Fifth Regiment band, being the best. Those who did not dance amused themselves with the various games of ping-pong, Badminton, etc. Refreshments were served during the evening. The Hall was prettily decorated for the occasion with flags and bunting, and those in charge deserve great credit for pulling off one of the merriest evenings that had been held in the Drill Hall for many a day.

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### Celebration of St. Patrick's Day

#### How Local Irishmen Observed the Day of Their Patron Saint.

#### Gave Splendid Concert in the Evening at the Institute Hall.

Yesterday being St. Patrick's Day Irishmen and would-be Irishmen sported ribbons of green and bouquets of shamrock.

High mass was celebrated in the morning at St. Andrew's (R. C.) Cathedral, and in the evening a splendid social reunion was held at the Institute hall on View street, at which a large audience attended. The feature of the evening was a splendid oration by Mr. A. E. McPhillips, K. C., on the history of Ireland.

The musical portion of the programme was the usual hymns and various parts well sustained. Miss Eva Le Blane's recitation and her dialogue with Miss Rita McDonald were well received. Miss Alice Hickey recited "The Shamrock and the Maple Leaf." Miss Mary O'Keefe sang "Kathleen Mayoune" and Miss Emma Sehl gave "Killarney," both numbers being very much enjoyed.

The solo and chorus of 16 little girls in white with green silk waistbands were very much enjoyed and very pretty. The song chosen was "Come Back, Erin."

Mr. McPhillips speech was deeply interesting and was of great historic value and the oration was carefully listened to and much enjoyed by all present.

#### COTILLION CLUB.

Successful Dance Marks Anniversary of Ireland's Patron Saint.

The Cotillion Club held another very successful meeting last evening at Alexandra College hall, the attendance being large, all thoroughly enjoying the different figures as they were presented.

The cotillion opened with a Japanese Polonaise, the room being darkened, the gentlemen carrying lighted lanterns and the ladies fans and umbrellas making a very striking effect. The dancing, however, given on the eve of St. Patrick's Day was very amusing and varied for some very funny situations. Shamrocks were presented as favors.

Then followed the mirror pursuit, ladies' oracle, cushion, puss in the corner and may figures. The skirt dance was a solo by Mrs. Lester, very gracefully performed, and called forth hearty applause.

That the cotillion will be a favorite source of amusement in Victoria is to be expected and Mrs. Lester is to be congratulated upon her ingenuity in introducing so delightful a method of entertainment. The next meeting of the club will be on Tuesday instead of Thursday, of the coming week.

### A CONFERENCE RE FISHERIES

#### To Arrange the Construction of Fish Ladder at Quesnel Lake.

Representatives of the Dominion and Provincial governments are to meet this week in Victoria to settle upon a scheme for providing a suitable fish-ladder to assist the salmon to enter Quesnel Lake and reach the spawning area afforded by that body of water and its feeders, says the Vancouver News. The scheme is to be submitted by Mr. G. A. Keefer, resident engineer for the Dominion government, Mr. C. B. Sword, Dominion Fishery Inspector, Mr. F. C. Gamble, of the Provincial Works Department, and Mr. J. B. Babcock, Provincial Fisheries Commissioner.

This matter has repeatedly come up since the dam was built at the outlet of Quesnel lake, Mr. Keefer pointing out that Quesnel lake and its tributaries constitute about one-quarter of the natural spawning area for the sockeye salmon in the Fraser river district. It is regarded as a specially favorable place, as Indians have presented as favors.

Then he turned to the grave matter of reform and management, and made his celebrated assertion that "the British Army must be modelled immediately upon the German pattern or the British people must prepare for disaster and disappointment." (Pithy words!) We note however that the Scottish press could hardly believe our ears, but we have seen the original documents.

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## THE WAR.

The news received yesterday from the seat of war is not important. The destruction of a Russian torpedo boat destroyer, by an unplaced mine, while entering Port Arthur, is a loss to the Russians of one of their most modern craft of that description. The despatch does not give any particulars as to whether the mine was one of those which are reported to have been laid by the Japanese with a view to prevent the larger Russian vessels from leaving the harbor, or whether it was one laid by the Russians as a defence of the port. Other reports from various sources indicate that the Russians are pushing forward troops and supplies as rapidly as possible, so that they will be prepared to meet the Japanese forces when the latter are ready to take the offensive. General Kourapatkin is travelling rapidly eastward to take the chief command, and is directing the preparations for active operations so that when he arrives at Mukden, which he expects to reach on March 26th, the disposition of his forces may be completed. The greatest precautions have been ordered to be taken at all posts to prevent surprises by the Japanese in night attacks. It is evident that the inclination to despatch their enemy, which characterized the Russians at the commencement of hostilities, has disappeared and under General Kourapatkin we may expect to see the utmost watchfulness displayed and no precaution neglected. His retirement from the Ministry of War to take command of the actual operations in the field has been received with great satisfaction throughout the Empire, as he is regarded as the most capable of all the Russian generals.

From Shanghai—a place that during the occupation of Pekin by the forces of the European Powers acquired an enviable reputation as a centre from which false reports emanated—comes news that Russian residents there have received information that there is popular opposition in Japan to the proposed imposition of new taxes, and that the lack of money is said to be the cause of the delay in the transportation of troops to the mainland. There is, however, no confirmation from any other quarter of such report, nor is there any reason to believe that it is true. As we showed a few days ago the immediately available financial resources of the Japanese Government are very considerable and it is scarcely credible that it would have entered on the contest had it not seen its way clear for the necessary funds, at least in the early part of the campaign. The manner in which other matters have been carried out, must lead anyone to believe that the clever and cautious men who are comprised in the Mikado's advisers have not been indifferent in regard to the provision of the necessary financial resources.

## THE ONTARIO PROHIBITION AGITATION.

Mr. Ross, the Premier of Ontario, is reported to have decided to force some action in regard to prohibition. It is stated, however, that he finds it impossible to secure anything like unanimity on the matter among his supporters in the Legislature. Two causes on the question have been held and another, it is stated, will be held today. Failing prohibition, the Premier is stated to have proposed that the liquor traffic shall be made a government monopoly. That proposition, as might be supposed, meets with strenuous opposition from influential interests. It would, of course, if adopted, work great changes in the traffic and probably conduce to the spread of temperance. But it would necessarily seriously affect large interests or would require an immense sum to be provided from the Provincial Treasury to compensate those whose business would be destroyed. It is not, however, probable that either prohibition or a government monopoly of the liquor traffic is within the range of practical action at the present time, whatever the course of events in the future may bring about. If the Legislature agrees to any change at all in the present methods it will probably be in the restriction and greater Government control of the traffic. Higher license fees, fewer hotels and saloons licensed to sell liquor and more stringent regulations for the conduct of the traffic are the most likely result, if there are any at all, of the agitation and Mr. Ross' endeavors to fulfil the pledges which he has made to the temperance people.

In Ontario, as in other parts of Canada, no drastic measures can be carried for the suppression or more strict regulation of the traffic until public opinion has become generally favorable to such a course. We are inclined to think that public sentiment on the question is more advanced and decided than in any of the other provinces. But we doubt very much whether even in Ontario either of the proposals alleged to have been made by Mr. Ross will be likely to receive such popular support as would be requisite in order to enable either of them to be put into operation. The re-

sult of the vote in Toronto and other places in the Province at the plebiscite is given as a proof of the growth of public opinion in favor of prohibition. But it has been shown there were other causes, some political, that had much to do with the result of the vote and that it cannot be taken as an accurate indication of popular sentiment on the issue that was submitted to the electorate. At the same time the course of events in regard to this question in Ontario will be watched with interest in the other provinces and there can be little doubt that the adoption of radical changes there would have no unimportant influence in other parts of the Dominion.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA FRUIT.

The Agent-General in London is pursuing a course calculated to be in the interests of the Province in directing attention to the capabilities of British Columbia for fruit raising. In the United Kingdom there is a very general idea that there is little scope in this Province for agricultural pursuits of any kind. Manitoba and the Northwest Territories have been so extensively advertised throughout Europe as the country to which farmers and others who desire to make homes for themselves and become owners instead of tenants, should go, that the possibilities in British Columbia have not become known. Yet for certain class this Province offers opportunities which can be found nowhere else in Canada. Small fruit farms in our healthy and temperate climate will provide both pleasant homes and an occupation that will provide a livelihood under agreeable conditions. As Mr. Turner states in his letter to the London Canadian Gazette, the experimental stage in fruit raising in British Columbia has been passed, and it has now become a regular and remunerative business. The progress made in the last few years has been very great, but there is a market for much more than is raised at the present time. With the large influx of population into the Northwest Territories, it is difficult to place any limits to the demand for our fruit, while the home market is also steadily growing. Now that the holders of large areas of land in the interior are subdividing their properties into small tracts, we may expect to see a considerable development in fruit culture and a corresponding increase in the numbers of a most desirable class of settlers.

The death of the Duke of Cambridge removes the last of the generation of the Royal House that was contemporaneous with the late Queen Victoria. Few men are spared to take an active part in public affairs or to hold office for such a long period as the Duke of Cambridge did. Until the last few months he continued to show his interest in charitable and other institutions with which his name had been associated for more than a generation. Becoming commander-in-chief in 1856 at the close of the Crimean War, a position which he retained until 1859, he formed a link between the military conditions that existed in the time of the Duke of Wellington with the new ones that prevail today. During the nearly forty years that he was at the Horse Guards he witnessed changes in nearly every branch and detail of the service, some of them, such as Lord Cardwell's reforms, that he may not entirely have approved. To the last the Duke of Cambridge enjoyed great popularity with all classes—civilian as well as military.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

## SHIP'S STEWARD.

St. J. Norfolk in your issue of March 15th, maintains that a "steward" is not an officer, but a servant. Having served as an officer on steamships for about thirteen years in succession on some of the finest steamships, both on the Atlantic and Great Lakes, I wish to state that a steward is considered an officer, and a very important one at that, especially in case of shipwreck when he is in charge of life preservers, buckets, and axes, as printed in the "Certificate of Inspection," where each officer is assigned to a post of duty. In the assigning of officers to a certain ship the steward is invariably included. W. H. SMITH.

## PROVINCIAL PRESS.

Today this once great organ of public opinion appears for the first time as a two page newspaper, responding to the "Ymir" for the past few years will understand the diminution and agree with us when we say that even in its present form the paper is too good for a village of boy-cotters. The population of Ymir is 232 all told.—Ymir Mirror.

A magnificent banquet was tendered to Capt. Fitzsimons and officers of the S. S. Victoria on Monday night last by citizens of Ferguson and Trout Lake at the Queen's Hotel. J. C. Murray occupied the chair, and right and left were the honored guests of the evening. After satisfying the dinner man with good things provided by Hosts Andrew and Noah Abrahamson, the guests adjourned to the up-to-date saloon and speeches and a "wax drap" Scotch. The party enjoyed themselves until the small hours of the morning.—Trout Lake Topics.

The civic authorities purpose grappling at once with the problem of truant children. The motive in inaugurating a campaign of this nature is twofold, first to improve the status of children, and second to give respect to education second to helping the average of daily attendance at the public schools to a point where the city can reap the fullest possible advantage from the per capita grant allowed by the government. If citizens actually understood the situation and grasped the concrete reason for enforcing regularity in the attendance of children at schools there would be no difficulty in the job of the city. The children are better off for attending school regularly with no argument required. But it is not generally known that the city lost from \$2,000 to \$3,000 last year through the irregularity of pupils at the public schools.—Rossland Miner.

The Hunter V. mine continues to send 45 tons of ore per day to the Hill Miner smelter. The Hillside trayway completed and built, will hold 1000 tons of rock and before long the shipments from the mine will be increased.—Nelson News.

The third monthly cleanup of the Oyster Criterion 10-stamp mill took place on the 10th of the month. The result of February's mill run was 300 oz. gold, 10 oz. of an approximate value of \$4,700. To attain this result 1,000 tons of rock were treated and 1,100 tons of rock was treated. The ore was shipped to the United States at Helena, Montana, from which the exact returns will be received in a few days. The cost of milling and trampling is estimated to be \$1.50 per ton, and 90 cents per ton for milling, making a total cost of \$2.30 for every ton of rock treated.

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convenience as well as a decided benefit to the country at large, but the question of procuring a site seems to be a bone of contention that threatens to drive the smelter into the ever-stretched arms of Uncle Sam. This seems strange that a question of such vital importance to the community should be capable of a narrow and selfish interpretation so as to cripple, hamper or endanger the mining industry in the Shuswap.—Shuswap Star.

During the latter part of this winter the government wagon roads in and around Phoenix have been in the worst condition for years, owing to the excess of snow and the continual bad drifting. On one occasion the Phoenix-Greenwood stage overturned and eight passengers were dumped into the snow, including two women and two children. The Grand Forks-Phoenix stage has had the hardest possible time, making connections and has had mishaps several times, though none seriously. A number of times loaded teams have overturned and last Sunday three teams of P. Burns & Co., with heavy loads of beef on the way to Greenwood, were upset just below the city.—Phoenix Pioneer.

## DISTRICT CANDIDATE FOR DOMINION PARLIAMENT IN CHILLIWACK.

(Chilliwack Progress.)

J. D. Taylor, who was recently nominated candidate for the House of Commons at Ottawa paid this town a visit on Saturday evening. Leslie Coote, president of the local Liberal-Conservative Club, met the visitor at the landing and accompanied him to the Harrison House. Later in the evening Mr. Taylor presented himself at the cigar room, where he was cordially received by the members, several of whom introduced Mr. Taylor, remarked that he understood him to be no orator, but a man of facts and figures. This latter assertion is certainly a true one, and to all appearances Mr. Taylor could drive home statements, if required, in a way that his audience would not mistake the sincerity and truthfulness which contained. His address on the political situation was brief and to the point, covering in a few short lines all the principal features of the Dominion policy. As this paper has always held aloof from politics in general, we refrain from commenting favorably or otherwise, on his ideas; still we cannot allow this opportunity to pass without congratulating the Conservative party on their choice of candidate, and hope that whoever takes the seat, the best interests of the country will be first and foremost.

## WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

Were there no footprints left upon the floor.

No tracks of little feet that patter through.

With careless step, and stily opened doors.

Feet laden and besmeared with dust and dew—

Should these return no more to trouble you.

The restless little child all restful grown,

If these were left you but an empty shoo—

And you alone—

What would you do?

Were there no childish griefs to soothe away.

No tensus, no incessant shouts of grief.

No uttered rooms, no boisterous, noisy play.

To try your nerves and vex you constantly.

If these could be removed and you should be free.

Entangled in quietude—these voices gone,

The echo lapsed into eternity,

And you alone—

What would you do?

Were there no more of ever watchful care,

No more auxiliaries and thoughts that speak.

Or around those drowsy unawares

Of sunless days, drowsy innocent and weak.

If these were gone and you once more should feel.

No chubby hand pressed warm against your cheek,

Or no sleeping baby by which to kneel,

What would you do?

—Floyd D. Raze in Every Where.

## MEN AND THINGS.

All the American colony in London and her many English friends are sympathizing deeply with Lady Blaine, whose husband, Sir Seymour Blaine, Baronet, has just last year made bankrupt. Lady Blaine was born in 1871, when she established a home for herself in London several years ago by taking a charming house in Hans place which, however, she gave up on her marriage to Sir Seymour. They have been traveling about on the Continent almost the whole year.

The proceedings against Sir Seymour were brought by his son, Mr. Henry Blaine of Boston. Her friends in England were delighted when she established a home for herself in London several years ago by taking a charming house in Hans place which, however, she gave up on her marriage to Sir Seymour. They have been traveling about on the Continent almost the whole year.

The decision of the United States Supreme court, that the merging of the interests of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific interests is illegal, is a serious blow to Morgan and Hill, and will involve both corporations in heavy expense as well as upsetting their scheme for the control of the carrying trade of the Northwest Pacific States. The C. I. R. Company are pushing ahead their great irrigation proposition for the redemption of the lands of the northwest and have voted \$3,000,000 towards the object.

## ASTHMA CURED AFTER 35 YEARS' SUFFERING.

Mr. H. Lettice, St. Peter street, Montreal, writes: "For 35 years I have been a great sufferer from Asthma, which I inherited from my mother, who has since died. From asthma, I have spent thousands of dollars both down and remedied. Finally my doctor advised me to change of climate. My friend Mr. J. Thor, who had been cured by Clarke's Kola Compound, brought me a bottle and I afterwards took six bottles of this grand medicine. It has made a new man of me, have gained nearly thirty pounds in weight, and my asthmatic attacks have entirely disappeared. Ten dollars spent on Dr. Clarke's Kola Compound is a small sum for what it has done. Two thousand dollars failed to do. I consider it a god-send to the Asthmatic. A regular 40-cent sample bottle of Clarke's Kola Compound will be mailed free to any person troubled with Asthma. Address the Griffiths' & Macpherson Co., Ltd., Toronto.

## RHEUMATISM.

Mr. C. Little, 404 Spadina avenue, Toronto, writes: "I was so badly crippled with rheumatism, that owing to swelling, soreness and pain, I could not get my boots on, and walked with great difficulty. I got a bottle of Griffiths' Menthol Liniment, which gave me relief at once and speedily cured me. I can highly recommend it. Large bottles 25 cents. Special size 75 cents.

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## Local News.

Building Improvement—Extensive repairs and additions are to be made to the Nathan building on Government street. F. M. Rattenbury, the well-known architect, has the work in hand and he is calling for tenders for the same up to Thursday next. Plans and specifications may be seen at his office.

Accident at Powder Works.—On Wednesday B. E. Ohlson, an employee of the Giant Powder Works at Telegraph bay, was severely injured by bursting a melting pot containing lead. Mr. Ohlson was rather severely burned, and parts of his body impregnated with particles of the metal. He is progressing favorably towards recovery at the Jubilee hospital.

Field Day Programme.—In regard to the forthcoming field day meet in connection with the public schools, the management committee of the James Bay Athletic Association has already taken steps towards preparing a programme.

At a recent meeting a committee, comprising (Messrs. T. Watson, D. O'Sullivan and E. E. Billingshurst, was appointed to co-operate with the principals of the different schools and the sports committee of the school board in making arrangements for the event.

Judgment in Yukon Case.—In the Exchequer court at Ottawa yesterday judgment, by consent of parties, was delivered in the case of the Hudson's Bay Company, the King. This was an action brought by the Hudson's Bay Company for the balance of account under contract with the government for relief rendered to distressed mariners in Yukon in the years 1888 and 1889. The amount claimed by the petition of right was \$13,535, with interest. Judgment, by consent, was entered for the Hudson's Bay Co. for \$6,444.72 and costs.

Cannot Visit Victoria.—General regret will be felt at the announcement that the commandant of the Royal Temples, who are coming to the coast in August, will not make Victoria a portion of their itinerary. They will call at Vancouver and after staying there for ten or twelve hours, continue their trip to Seattle and from there down the coast, stopping at the principal cities en route. The party will be one of the largest to visit the coast during the summer, it having been necessary to secure 25 cars for their accommodation. An effort will be made by Victorians to induce them to make a side trip to this city by the steamer Princess Victoria.

Fishing Syndicate.—Considerable surprise has been expressed during the past few months that the people of Nanaimo to avail themselves of the splendid opportunity for investment presented by the establishment of a fishery to catch and cure the immense shoals of herring that have visited our harbor for the last four years in increasing numbers, says the Nanaimo Free Press. We are now pleased to learn that this industry is to be more firmly established in our midst by a company which is now being formed, to be known as the "Nanaimo Fisheries, Ltd." The object of which is to still further extend an already flourishing business in this line.

Spanish Municipality.—At a special meeting of the Victoria Farmers' Institute held at Saanichton to discuss the question of forming the district into a municipality, a motion favoring a municipality to include the whole of Saanichton electoral district, which had been carried at Cedar Hill and Colquitz, was submitted, but after considerable discussion was voted down. The Saanichton people objecting to joining the districts together to form a single unit, as they then did, and carried favoring a municipality to include North and South Saanichton and Lake district. The question will be further considered at a meeting to be held at Boleskine road next Wednesday.

Railway Changes.—Local transportation men will be interested in learning that A. D. Charlton, assistant general passenger agent of the Northern Pacific, with headquarters at Portland, will be ordered to the position of general passenger agent of the Northern Pacific to succeed Charles S. Fee, who will go to the San Fran Pacific. If Mr. Charlton accepts this may mean a promotion for J. A. Nadeau, general agent of the Northern Pacific in Seattle. That Mr. Charlton will have the first offer of Mr. Fee's position has been believed by coast railroad officials, since the announcement of Mr. Fee's retirement was made. This was confirmed in a special despatch from St. Paul.

Old Time Concert—A treat is in store for those who are lovers of things of long ago, in dress and music, the days of our grandfathers and great grandfathers will be portrayed at the first Presbyterian church on Monday evening in what is called an "Old Folks' Old Time Concert," or as the advertisement has it, "A Great Concert of Tunes and Woeble Songs." The identity of those taking parts has been carefully hidden, but the affair is under the auspices of the First Presbyterian church choir and that is synonymous with successful management as well as musical merit. All of the features will be the customary. All will be dressed as either 17th Century folks, or as it is being spared in this connection. The programme will be suitably arranged with furniture, etc., and a splendid evening's enjoyment is predicted for all who attend.

Railway Announcement—D. C. Corbin, who has just returned to Spokane from New York announced tonight that he will build a standard gauge first-class railroad from Spokane to a connection with the Canadian Pacific, to succeed the citizens of Spokane will do more a night-of-joy and temporary grounds. The road, if built, will be operated in connection with the Canadian Pacific and under a lease agreement with that company. Mr. Corbin is one of the most successful of western railroad builders. In 1886 he built the first road into the Coeur d'Alene, afterwards selling it to the Northern Pacific. In 1890 he built the Spokane Falls &amp; Northern from Spokane to Coeur d'Alene, later extended to the Lewis and Nez Perce, B.C. After operating this valuable system for several years, he sold out to the Northern Pacific, which in turn delivered the road to the Great Northern. Mr. Corbin in 1899 built the Coeur d'Alene factory at Waverly, Spokane county, which he still retains. He is a brother of the late Austin Corbin, of New York.

Cook's Poultry Breeder and Feeder and Fowls for the Times at Hibben's.

War against darkness, H. J. Lamps, Xenon Electric Company, New York.

Bank Clearings.—The total bank clearings for the week ending March 15th as reported by the Victoria Clearing house were \$543,649.

New Post Office.—A post office recently started is that of Retreat Cove, Galiano Island, B. C. Mr. John Shaw has been appointed postmaster.

J. B. A. A.—The ball committee of the James Bay Athletic Association is making preparations for the annual evening which takes place on Friday, April 8. Among other preliminary arrangements sub-committees have been appointed to take charge of the printing and advertising, the decoration of the hall and securing the services of a capable caterer.

Fish and Game Club.—For the future meetings of the Fish and Game Club G. Hartmann has offered the use of rooms at the Driftwood hotel. This has been accepted. The election of officers for the ensuing term will be held on Wednesday next. The question of incorporation as well as plans for the new season will also be considered at this meeting.

In Chambers—Yesterday morning before the Hon. Mr. Justice Martin, the following application was heard in chambers: Nicholas &amp; Renouf vs. Elliston, an application to remit action to the County court; Dumbleton for plaintiff and Taylor for defendant; action remitted to the County court, liberty granted to plaintiff to amend particular.

City Band Dance—Victoria City Band has secured the A. O. U. W. hall for Thursday, March 24, for the purpose of giving another of their most enjoyable dances. This organization has been constantly rehearsing during the winter months and shows a marked improvement and need no recommendation to the dancing fraternity. The full band will furnish the music for the occasion in which some of the latest two-steps, etc., will be rendered.

Goes to Comox—Yesterday morning Enterpriser, Mr. J. T. Lidstone of Similk Lesser &amp; Company, accompanied by his wife and family, arrived up on Tuesday's boat and will reside here in the future. Mr. Lidstone has just returned from the upper country where he has been engaged in winding up some business for his firm, when he was notified that he had been appointed manager of the Big Store here, and immediately left Victoria to resume his new duties.

A Boy Stampede—W. Grant, who has just returned from Atlin, predicts that between 15,000 and 20,000 people will enter the Alaska country this year. Mr. Grant says he left Atlin on the last of February. There was then 18 inches of snow on the ground and the weather was very cold, the thermometer registering as low as 67 below zero. On the way out to the Coast he heard a good deal about Alaska country, but received no definite news. Work in Atlin this season will be confined chiefly to the old creeks.

The Alsek Rush—A correspondent writing from Skagway says: "A majority of the passengers who have recently arrived here are bound for Alaska and Bullion creeks. Freight from White Horse to Ruby creek has been hauled by the teamsters for 25 cents a pound and from that up to 35 cents, depending on the weight. The men who are engaged in this are making a good living, and the wages are high. The men are engaged in the various attainable points of the district. The stores that have been opened with the post office have, however, brought a number of horses and wagons and these are now operating on the trail to the new diggings. As a consequence there is great competition for freight and prices for hauling are rapidly sinking."

Indians Starving—On Wednesday last a government relief expedition left Dawson for the purpose of endeavoring to rescue fifty Indians of the Five Nations who are lost in the Rocky mountains 200 miles from Dawson. It has been reported that the men, women and children of the Indian party are starving. The Northwest Mounted Police detachment is accompanying the party. It is headed by Craigie, a well-known frontiersman, who first brought the news. The Indians left McKenzies a month ago bound for Dawson. They lost their way, and, as it is 50 degrees below zero at the present time, the party must be in a pitiful condition.

A Splendid Paint—Capt. Otto Buckholz, of the steamer Venture, has forwarded the British America Paint Company a very flattering letter. The Venture was hauled out and painted with the Atlantic brand of copper paint in November, 1902, and has been in service ever since (16 months). When handled on Turnpikes, Turnstiles, door posts, etc., it stands up to the first class condition, unaffected by worms. Capt. Buckholz has had considerable experience with most brands of copper paints, and states positively that he has never seen such good results from imported paints as from the home manufactured article, and he is now repainting with the Atlantic brand of copper paint.

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Social at Saanichton—At the residence of Mrs. John Brothour, Saanichton, there will be a social on Friday evening. A pleasant time is promised, and refreshments will be served.

Woodmen's Social—This evening Victoria Camp, Woodmen of the World, and the Ladies' Circle, will be at home to their friends after close of business meeting. During the evening the presentation of a jewel will be made to the past guardian of the Circle, given by W. D. Pennock.

Painters' Wages—By agreement between the Master Painters Association of Victoria and the local union No. 5, Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers of America, eight hours now constitutes a working day, at \$3.00 per day. The new schedule went into force on Tuesday, March 15. It also provides that all differences between employer and employee shall be settled by a board of arbitration.

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Interred at Sapperton—The funeral of the late Hon. T. R. McInnes took place yesterday afternoon in Vancouver from the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. James Wilson, and was very largely attended. From the house the corteges proceeded to the tram office and the remains were taken to New Westminster by a special car, interment taking place at the Sapperton cemetery. The members of the Maritime Province Association and the Liberal Association attended in a body.

Lodge Flourishing—The Sons of England Benefit Society is in a flourishing condition, and shows signs of success in all branches of its work. Several new names are mentioned for membership, and on suggestion of the worthy president, even members have pledged themselves to never bring in one member before the end of the year. While this firm do not boast of any registered trade-mark, they claim that their product is easily distinguished by its superior flavor, fine texture and general appearance from many of the other unknown quantities with which it comes in contact. Brown &amp; Cooper are just beginning to enjoy the results of their efforts to produce the first-class article.

The S. S. Queen City arrived in port last night with a cargo of fish, consisting of 3,000 pounds of fresh salmon and 1,000 pounds of spruce salmon for Messrs. Brown &amp; Cooper's smoking and curing houses, and which they expect to have ready for the market in a few days. While this firm do not boast of any registered trade-mark, they claim that their product is easily distinguished by its superior flavor, fine texture and general appearance from many of the other unknown quantities with which it comes in contact. Brown &amp; Cooper are just beginning to enjoy the results of their efforts to produce the first-class article.

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The White House, display of Spring Millinery today.

A progressive association needs a progressive machine, therefore the Town Association purchased an Underwood Typewriter. They are the best that can be made. Hinton Electrical Co., Government street, agents. "Let us show you the latest model."

New Store! New Boots!—R. Watson, date of Munday's has opened up for himself with a fine new line of boots and shoes, at 65 Yates street, which he is selling at Eastern prices.

The celebrated Battle Creek Sanitarium health foods and life-givers for sale at Watson &amp; Hall, 55 Yates st.

Robert Watson, late of Munday's shoe store, has opened up in the boot and shoe business for himself on Yates street next door to Stoddart's jewelry where he invites all of his old friends and others to call and inspect his new store and fine new stock of boots and shoes and slippers, etc. Mr. Watson claims to be in a position to deal most favorably with all who favor him with their patronage.

Spring is here in all its splendor and attractiveness, and so are Wessott Bros. with their greater attractions in all the new and up-to-date novelties in new spring goods. Their display in blouses, skirts, sunshades and ladies' whitewear is exceptionally fine and worthy of notice. In fact the big Yates street dry goods house may now be said to be fairly bristling with brilliancy of newness.

When you think of gardening, think of us. We keep a full supply of spades, hoes and rakes, cultivators, spading forks, etc. Call and see our R. A. Brown &amp; Co., 80 Douglas street.

Taxing B. C. Lumber—The Vancouver World announces that official notices have been received regarding the tax placed upon British Columbia lumber going into the United States. It amounts to a sum similar to the tax imposed by the British Columbia government on logs exported to the neighboring republic. It does not seriously affect the mills. Direct word has also been received by a well-known logging camp owner that a similar tax is to be put on staves. This informant states that the object of these retaliatory measures is done to induce the British Columbia government to withdraw the tax on exported logs.

Proposed Incorporation—A meeting was held recently in North Saanichton school house in order to ascertain the views of the rate-payers as to the feasibility of forming the district into a municipality. Fourteen persons were present. Mr. Peter Irwin was elected chairman and Mr. Noddy secretary. The club declares the Sun to be the official organ of the party. The members of the club allege that the Ottawa government, which has the appointment of the Governor, has been trying to dominate the distribution of the Yukon patronage, utterly ignoring the members of the Yukon Liberal party.

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A splendid evening's entertainment is promised, and it is expected that the bouts will be witnessed by a large crowd.

## ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

Garrison 2nd XI, Defeats Egeria.

The Garrison scored eleven defeated the Egeria by 3 goals to 2 after a splendid game yesterday afternoon.

At half time the score was 2 goals to nil in favor of the sailors, but the soldiers, nothing daunted, put up some grand play during the second period and managed to turn out as winners.

Weston, Ford and Lewis were in fine form for the Barracks, while the two right wings of Egeria eleven played splendidly.

Sergeant Paley gave entire satisfaction as referee.

Columbias vs. Victoria.

Once more and for the last time this season, the above mentioned clubs will face each other at the Caledonia grounds next Saturday afternoon.

This will be the last match in the Provincial Cup, and with the exception of one to be played in Victoria, and is being looked forward to by the followers of each of the respective clubs, and also of great importance as it affects the standing of the clubs to such an extent that either a win or loss will either give them the chance of going to Nanaimo to play for the much coveted cup or throw them entirely out of the race for the majority of points.

The two teams will practically line up the same as they did two weeks ago, when as everybody knows, the result was a draw, 2-2.

Second Round English Cup Results.

Woolwich Arsenal 0; Manchester City 2; Bury 1; Sheffield United 2; Preston North End 0; Middlesbrough 3; Sheffield Wednesday 6; Manchester United 0.

Bolton Wanderers 4; Southampton 1; Derby County 2; Wolverhampton W. 2; Games played on the grounds of the first.

The game between Hotspur and Eston Villa had to be abandoned, as the crowd broke into the ground and so interfered with the play that the game was finished as a "friendly." Result 1-0 in favor of the Brummagem team.

The Gates of the Games.

Tottenham Hotspur, 31,500 . . . . . 8,11,650

Woolwich Arsenal, 25,000 . . . . . 4,250

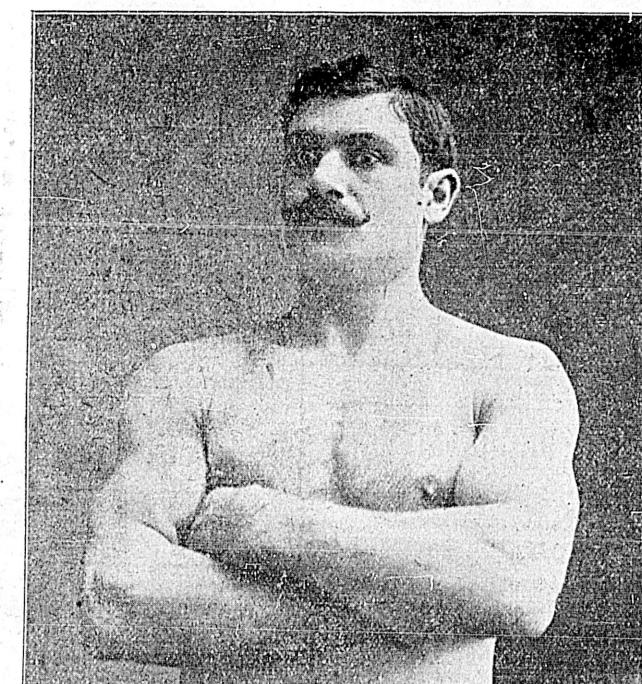
Bury, 23,199 . . . . . 4,400

Derby, 17,833 . . . . . 4,100

Sneinton, 22,051 . . . . . 3,370

Preston, 15,000 . . . . . 2,380

Blackburn, 10,000 . . . . . 1,570



N. SPENIOS, THE GREEK CHAMPION

has been sent to the Cornell University crew, college champions of America, for a race to decide the supremacy on the water between the respective clubs. The Cornell crew in the challenge, stated that they were willing to row any distance, any time, at any place, for a blue ribbon or a trophy.

At the annual meeting of the Aronauts the other night, the secretary-treasurer's report showed a balance of \$10. The following officers were elected: Honorary president, P. Galt; president, Robert McLeod; vice-president, Captain Macleod; captain, R. K. Barker; coach, F. H. Thompson; vice-captain, W. B. Wadsworth; honorary secretary, James G. Merle; secretary-treasurer, A. Bedford Jones; committee, O. Heron, C. E. A. Goodman, E. W. Hamber, G. P. Reifertstein, W. M. Forrest, J. N. MacKenzie, R. G. Munz, Percy Hardisty.

Winnipeg Crew for Henley.

The Winnipegs Rowing Club have now definitely decided to send an eight-oared crew to Henley this summer. They had first intended sending their four who last year won the championship of America.

## SWIMMING.

World's Record Beaten by Youth.

Sydney, N. S. W., March 13.—A youth named Kelman, aged 16 years, swam half a mile in 11 minutes and 29 45 seconds, which beats the world's record.

## RUGBY FOOTBALL.

Victoria vs. Flora.

The Victoria Rugby players are still of

## CHINAMAN CAUGHT STEALING SOLDIER

Was Captured Last Sunday at  
Steveston But Broke  
Jail.

Mr. Henry Murray, the local manager of the Federation (lighthouse) cannery at Steveston, came over to visit the principals in this city, Mr. Parker of Gorge road, and his associates, and told a Colonist reporter the following facts concerning an attempted robbery of soldier at the cannery last Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Murray has occasion to go to the cannery building, and happened to see a pair of Chinese legs disappearing through a trap door in the ceiling of one of the rooms. Knowing that no Chinaman had any business in the building at the time, Mr. Murray slipped out and got Chief of Police Murchison and two or three others, so that all the bells in the cannery could be watched. Meanwhile the chief and Mr. Murray entered the building, and after a good search, found the Chinaman in the solder room, which was locked and the key in the possession of Mr. Murray. He was calmly appropriating bucketsful of solder, which, at the present market price, is worth twenty cents a pound. He had already thrown out onto the mud ninety pounds, and had sixty pounds more when caught red-handed. The chief handcuffed him and locked him up in the jail. The old Godfrey McKee was with him until about 2 a.m. Monday morning, and then laid down to have a sleep himself. Whether he did or not the fact remains that the prisoner pulled the iron bars out of their sockets from the small window in his cell and made his escape, taking with him a very good pair of blankets which the worthy jailer had lent him for a covering.

The escape was discovered until daylight Monday, and the chief went off at once in a buggy and traced him as far as Granville street bridge at Vancouver. He then returned to Steveston to find out, if possible, where he usually put up at the Terminal City.

Before the chief left on his quest after the escaped prisoner, he searched his trunk, after being told by his landlady that he was out sawing wood. "I guess so," said the chief, "and I see he has taken the trouble to believe me when I say 'set'." He unearthed the article in question from the trunk. The Chinaman only arrived from Vancouver on the day before he committed the robbery, and it is thought that he must at one time or another have worked for the cannery company to be so conversant with the whereabouts of the solder. It was considered a clever capture on Sunday, as a great deal of solder is stolen annually, and it is a means of causing very serious loss to the cannery companies, and the police authorities feel very sore when the escape becomes known.

The Chinaman has just served a term for theft and his identity has been fully established, so it is hoped that he will be easily recaptured.

## IMPORTANT WORK AT DEPARTURE BAY

Coal Mine Operations at Northfield Assuming Big Dimensions.

The appearance of the spur of land jutting out into Departure Bay is being rapidly transformed by the operations of the Western Fuel Company, and in a few weeks it will hardly be recognizable, says the Nanaimo Herald. In accordance with the terms of a leasehold which the new company has obtained in every direction since it took over the Nanaimo mines, it was decided to commence mining operations at Northfield. From that point the body of coal which is being worked under Newcastle Island from No. 1 shaft will be reached almost direct and the time of the workmen need not be spent traveling to their mines underground will be minimized while there will be a great saving in the matter of haulage.

A slope was first of all driven to the coal seam and the making of this slope was not such an easy matter as was expected. It was thought that by beginning from the very neck of the spur, the slope would be easily watered by the time it came under the feet of the men. These expectations, however, were not realized. Some awkward fissures in the strata were encountered and from these there came a great volume of water. Progress with the slope was in consequence for some time slow but the difficulty was overcome and the coal seam tapped. Now there are eight men engaged in digging the rugged ground and those will speedily make room for more.

Then the start was made with the sinking of a new shaft, which at present has been sunk to a depth of ten feet. This shaft has been timbered, and carpenters are busily engaged in erecting sturges for the continuance of the work of sinking. A temporary engine, which also has been installed, is to be used for hoisting the material from the shaft until the large engine is put in. The concrete foundation of the boiler house and compressor is already laid and as announced in yesterday's Herald, Mr. Forrest will start right away with the building proper.

As for the shaft itself, Mr. Russell, the company superintendent, expects that it will be driven to the coal seam, which is to be reached in a few months. When completed the mine will be in a position to compete with the collieries of the world and as it will give employment to more men it may be expected to add considerably to the prosperity of Nanaimo.

## Piles

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## A HORSE CHESTNUT.

Miss Gladys Deacon, an American girl, amateur scientist, whom she met recently at a London party. The scientist narrated in great detail to the girl a series of experiments he was conducting with the microphone.

"The microphone," he explained, "magnifies objects to the eye. The footfalls of a centipede heard through the microphone resemble a tattoo on a kettle-drum. The dropping of a pin is like the report of a cannon."

It is very interesting and odd," said Miss Deacon.

"This afternoon," resumed the scientist, "I caught a fly and studied its note. The note resembled the neighing of a horse."

"Perhaps," said the young girl, "it was a horsefly."

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## PROLONGING THE GAME.

"It seems to me," observed the married man at the 'union social,' "it is taking those young chaps in the other room a long time to find out which girl ate the onion."

"That's the joke of it," replied the elderly maiden. "The girls agreed among themselves that they would fool the young men, and not one of them has eaten any onion."

—Exchange.

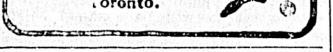
## SENSATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE.

Senator Shugar—I see that Senator Sniffins is sending out a great many personal notes to delegates to the national convention.

Senator Steele—I should say so. And they're nearly all fifties, too!—Puck.

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SHORT BREAD, IN TINS ..... 25c. each**MOWAT & WALLACE**, Cor. Yates and Douglas**FINANCE AND COMMERCE.**

New York, March 17.—The stock market gave indications today that the first phase of adjustment of the Northern Securities decision had been almost completed. Securities would be held in anticipation of market contracts put out in anticipation of the event and the manoeuvres of the contending professional element to take the market away from the bears. The reduction of the short interest was palpable in today's early market and there was evidence of attempts to take profits on the part of those who had gone long on stocks to help drive the bears down. The market was in a position of the buying since Monday for purposes of supporting prices also came into the market for resale, aiding to cause the reactionary tendency. But the reaction was not extreme at any time and an effective rally was achieved before the end of the last hour. While the foreign markets were still in session the advances brought fresh offerings and held back the market. In the day, after the close of the foreign markets, there was a decided revival in the day for stocks and a great breadth and animation in the buying than on any previous day this week. The buying was believed to be largely from what are called professional sources. Round lots of various leading stocks were bought all round the town, giving the appearance of a participation by operators of a much larger culture than have been in the market for many weeks past.

While the discouragements overhanging the market are not all eliminated by this list of approved factors, the professional element in Wall Street seemed to arrive at a common agreement today that some time in the near future a general rally has already been effected in clearing away the clouds on the situation. The net results are gains running from one to two points for all the prominent active stocks. St. Paul and Pennsylvania Railway were notably active and strong.

The bond market showed a broadening tendency and was firm. Total sales, per value, \$1,025,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call.

New York, March 17.—The following were the closing bids on the Stock Exchange today:

Amalgamated Copper ..... 47c  
American Locomotive ..... 22c  
American Sugar Refining Co. ..... 125c  
American Smelting and Refining Co. ..... 40  
Anaconda Mining Co. ..... 67c  
Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe ..... 48c  
Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe pfd. ..... 89c  
Baltimore & Ohio ..... 78c  
Brooklyn Rapid Transit ..... 42c  
Chicago & Alton ..... 39c  
Canadian Pacific Railway ..... 113  
Champlain & Ohio ..... 30c  
Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul ..... 12c  
Colorado, Chicago ..... 18c  
Colorado Southern pfd ..... 54c  
Consolidated Gas ..... 133c  
Caledonian Fuel & Iron ..... 29c  
Corn Products ..... 14  
Detroit United Railway ..... 63c  
Dominion, British Columbia ..... 152c  
Denver & Rio Grande ..... 19c  
General Electric ..... 14c  
Jersey Central ..... 157  
Illinois Central ..... 128c  
Kansas & Texas ..... 18c  
Kansas & Texas pfd ..... 30  
Louisville & Nashville ..... 104c  
Manitoba Elevated ..... 129c  
Michigan, Huron & Saginaw ..... 91c  
Minn. St. P. & St. M. ..... 63c  
Minn. St. P. & St. M. pfd ..... 121c  
Metropolitan Traction ..... 108c  
New York Central ..... 116c  
Erie Railway ..... 25c  
Erie Railway 1st pfd ..... 64c  
Erie Railway 2nd pfd ..... 41c  
New York, Ontario & Western ..... 20c  
Norfolk & Western ..... 27c  
Pacific Mail ..... 29c  
Pennsylvania Railway ..... 115c  
Pressed Steel ..... 30  
Pressed Steel pfd ..... 70c  
People's Gas ..... 94c  
Rock Island Certificates ..... 20c  
Southern Railway pfd ..... 20c  
Southern Railway ..... 81c  
Tennessee Coal & Iron ..... 39c  
Texas & Pacific ..... 23c  
Twin City ..... 40c  
United States Leather ..... 74c  
United States Leather pfd ..... 78  
United States Steel ..... 111c  
United States Steel pfd ..... 58c  
United States Rubber pfd ..... 109c  
Union Pacific ..... 12c  
Wabash Railway ..... 18c  
Wabash Railway pfd ..... 36c  
Western Union Telegraph Co. ..... 89c  
Wisconsin Central ..... 42c  
C. P. R. in London ..... 115c  
Commercial Cable ..... 187

New York, March 17.—Prime mercantile paper, 4½ c. per lb.; 100 lb. bags, 45c.; strings, 4½ c. per lb.; \$4.85 per dozen; for demand, \$4.815 to \$4.840 per 60 day bills; posted rates, \$4.841 to \$4.855; Mexican dollars, 44½; government bonds, steady; railroad bonds, firm.

Chicago, March 17.—The following were the closing prices of futures on the Board of Trade today: Wheat, May, 94½; July, 80½ to 80¾; Oct., 90½; Sept., 83½; old, 81½; Corn, March, 51½; May, 53½; July, 50½; Sept., 50½; Oct., May, 59½; July, 58½ to 58¾; Oct., 57½.

New York, March 17.—Pig iron, quiet; lead, firm; copper, nominal; tin, firm; straits, \$27.00 to \$28.10; spelter, quiet.

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**VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.**

Report for 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Observations taken daily at 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 17.**

Deg. Deg. 5 a.m. 42 Mean ..... 44 43 Highest ..... 47 44 Lowest ..... 41 40 The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:

5 a.m. ..... 8 miles northeast, Noon ..... Calm. 5 p.m. ..... 4 miles south. Rain and melted snow—02 inch. Sunshine—1 hour 55 minutes. Barometer at noon—Observed ..... 29.400 Corrected ..... 29.527

**NEW WESTMINSTER.**

Barometer at 5 p. m.—Corrected ..... 29.64

The lead refinery at Trail has been in operation for several days past and three or four batches of pig lead have been turned out. The refinery has also produced some refined silver. A couple of carloads of pig lead have already been started on the journey to the East. The refinery now that it has been properly started, will be kept in continuous operation. This is practically the last pig lead ever turned out in Canada, and there should be a ready market for it in the leading Eastern Canadian centres.—Nelson News.

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**Scott's**

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You will see an improvement in their little thin bodies at once. They can take it when they even refuse their mothers' milk.

It is essentially a babies' food, surprising in its results. Always the same.

**NOTICE.**

Thirty days from date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a lease of Trial Islands, Victoria District, and marked with notice posts J. S. P.

J. S. PEARCE, Victoria, March 14th, 1904.

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This property fronts on the sea, has a good house, barn, orchard and other improvements and is for sale at a very reasonable figure.

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Early Rose and Burbank Seedlings; Choice selected Stock.

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COOK'S CASE IS  
STILL UNFINISHED

Defendant's Evidence Took up  
the Whole of Yesterday's  
Sitting.

WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Victoria Meteorological Office, March 9 to 15, 1904.

Yesterday the case of George J. Cook, accused of stealing a set of harness under seizure by the sheriff, was again re-enacted in the Police court.

His Honor the police magistrate decided that the plaintiff had established a case and the plaintiff gave evidence on his own behalf.

Witness claimed that Baillie Smith gave him permission on the Saturday to remove the harness to clean or use it if he wanted to, as long as he did not tell the sheriff. Witness then took the harness from the cabin and placed it on the horse. As was his custom he locked the animal in the stable.

When the sheriff asked where the harness was, witness told him it was on the horse and he was going to clean it. Defendant then described the walk he took at this time, but denied that he ran or attempted to run from the constable.

An adjournment was then taken for examination.

After lunch the defendant was cross-examined by Mr. George Murphy and gave evidence that Mr. Duncan, harness maker, who owned the harness, told him either a day or two before the alleged theft that he could take it from the cabin and place it on the horse. This storm had increased to a most unusual extent and became the most severe and widespread storm of the season; its influence extended over Vancouver Island, the lower Mainland, and the States of Washington, Oregon, Idaho and California. The barometer fell at Victoria to 28.84 inches which is the lowest record in this district since 1891 when 28.89 inches were recorded at Esquimalt. The gale in this vicinity was only moderate in force on the straits and the outside coast, but on the straits and outside coast the main force seems to have been felt at the mouth of the Columbia river where an hourly wind velocity of 80 miles was registered. The disturbance eventually moved northward to Cariboo and passed beyond the Rockies. The rainfall attending the storm was heaviest in California where also considerable damage is reported to have been caused by the gale to buildings and shipping at San Francisco. This storm was succeeded by a series of low pressure areas over the Pacific which continued for several days causing fresh south gales on the Washington coast. On the 15th the pressure began to rise from California to Vancouver Island. The weather generally throughout the week has been unsettled and cold with squalls of snow, sleet and rain, and frost at night in many localities. The snowfall on the Upper Mainland has been more than usual during the last month, affording good sleighing in many localities, the snow being especially deep as far down as Ashcroft. In the Yorkton the day temperatures have slightly moderated although the nights continue intensely cold, reaching 32 below. East of the Rockies the barometric pressure has been high throughout the entire Northwest; the weather has been cold and snowfall very general.

At Victoria there were recorded 25 inches and 36 minutes of bright sunshine; highest temperature 50.4 on the 10th; lowest 32.7 on the 13th; precipitation 25 inches.

At New Westminster, highest temperature 48 on the 11th; lowest 32 on the 13th, 14th and 15th; precipitation .53 inch.

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Nanaimo. .... 9.62 25.69 8.58  
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Chilliwack. .... 5.54 9.00 6.19  
Cochitam. .... 4.60 11.00 6.31  
Quesnel. .... 9.10 13.00 10.40  
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Cowichan—Highest temperature 47.8 on 15th and lowest 24.6 on 29th.

Banfield Creek—Highest temperature 47.1 on 21st, and lowest 24.0 on 8th.

Port Alberni—Highest temperature 45.0 on 2nd, 5th and 24th, lowest temperature 9.0 on the 9th.

Barkerville—Highest temperature 32.0 on 17th and 18th, lowest 24 below on 6th, mean 31.7.

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Neelson—Highest temperature 45.0 on 12th, 19th and 21st, lowest 7.0 on the 9th.

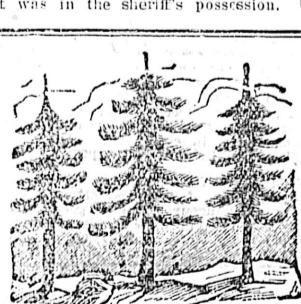
Port McNeill—Highest temperature 41.2 on 3rd and lowest 12.0 on 8th and 9th, mean 29.1.

Rivers Inlet—Rain 5.10, snow 44.42 inches, total 9.54. Highest temperature 43.7 on 4th, lowest 15.0 on 7th and 8th.

Kamloops—Highest temperature 42.8 on 18th, lowest 12.5 below on 9th, mean 21.5.

To reside in B. C.—According to St. John N. B., papers to bind, Mr. F. H. Hale, M. P. for Carleton, N. B., intends to remove to this province and take up permanent residence here. Mr. Hale was out here last year and owns extensive lumbering interests in British Columbia.

PRICE 25 CENTS.



## Dr. WOOD'S NORWAY PINE SYRUP

CURES COUGHS, COLDS, BRONCHITIS, SOARINESS AND ALL THROAT AND LUNG TROUBLES. Miss Florence E. Mailman, New Germany, N.S., writes:—I had a cold which left me with a very bad cough. I was afraid I was going into consumption. I was advised to try DR. WOOD'S NORWAY PINE SYRUP. I had little faith in it, but before I had taken one bottle I began to feel better and after the second I felt as well as ever. My cough has completely disappeared.

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New Quarantine  
Station Tender

Expected That Plans and Spec-  
ifications Will Be Here  
Shortly.

Considered Probable That New  
Vessel Will Be Built In  
Victoria.

Yesterday morning the Colonist published an item of great importance to the people of Victoria, namely, the despatch from Vancouver of the effect that the handsome sum of \$70,000 had been placed in the Dominion estimates for the purpose of providing a suitable steamer for the sole use of the William Head Quarantine station, in place of the present craft, the Earl.

A Colonist representative called yesterday afternoon upon Captain Gaudin, of the department of marine and fisheries, and enquired if the plans for the new vessel had been drafted or if anything was known about the proposed vessel. Captain Gaudin reluctantly assured the Colonist that as yet the matter was in the hands of the government, and that he did not expect any steps would be taken for a little while yet. In any event the plans might not come to his, but to Mr. Henderson's department, the public works.

The officials express satisfaction at the news from Ottawa, it being quite well understood that the present quarantine steamer is totally inadequate for the important service which she is called upon to perform. There is good reason for believing that plans for the new steamer will be ready in Victoria in a few weeks.

Kosmos Line Between Victoria and Ham-  
burg is Doing Big Business.

The net profits of the Hamburg-American line of steamers for the past year were \$5,500,000. The company has half a hundred steamers and runs lines on nearly every profitable route in the world. The total tonnage of the steamers owned and chartered by the company is 1,727,945. Those figures are taken from the annual report of the company published in Hamburg this week.

The Hamburg-American, or Kosmos line, operating to Victoria and Puget Sound, has had a wonderful growth since it was first started a few years ago. At first only one steamer in each route, the steamer on the steamer's route were the smallest owned by the company. Then, about a year ago, extra steamers began coming to the Sound and now every two weeks.

When the route was first established the steamers sent to this coast were the small.

Now they are the Kosmos people, while

they are the largest, plying on the Pacific coast. The American ship sailing from Victoria this morning, is a steamer of over 3,000 net tonnage and has a carrying capacity of about 7,000 tons freight.

THE PUEBLA AGAIN.

Met With Boisterous Weather on Her Trip From Victoria.

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Nanaimo—Highest temperature 47.8 on 22nd, lowest 21.0 on 8th, mean 36.2. Amount of bright sunshine 41 hours and 24 minutes.

Cowichan—Highest temperature 47.8 on 15th and lowest 24.6 on 29th.

Banfield Creek—Highest temperature 47.1 on 21st, and lowest 24.0 on 8th.

Port Alberni—Highest temperature 45.0 on 2nd, 5th and 24th, lowest temperature 9.0 on the 9th.

Barkerville—Highest temperature 32.0 on 17th and 18th, lowest 24 below on 6th, mean 31.7.

Quesnel—Highest temperature 45.0 on 18th, lowest 30 below on 9th.

Vernon—Highest temperature 44.0 on 27th, lowest 14 below on the 9th.

Neelson—Highest temperature 45.0 on 12th, 19th and 21st, lowest 7.0 on the 9th.

Port McNeill—Highest temperature 41.2 on 3rd and lowest 12.0 on 8th and 9th, mean 29.1.

Rivers Inlet—Rain 5.10, snow 44.42 inches, total 9.54. Highest temperature 43.7 on 4th, lowest 15.0 on 7th and 8th.

Kamloops—Highest temperature 42.8 on 18th, lowest 12.5 below on 9th, mean 21.5.

To reside in B. C.—According to St. John N. B., papers to bind, Mr. F. H. Hale, M. P. for Carleton, N. B., intends to remove to this province and take up permanent residence here. Mr. Hale was out here last year and owns extensive lumbering interests in British Columbia.

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